Statement from AG Jennings on conviction of Michael Hastings

Attorney General Kathy Jennings released the following statement Thursday after the Division of Civil Rights & Public Trust secured a jury conviction against a Dover man for two violent felonies. Originally <u>indicted in October 2020</u> after removing and pointing a handgun toward others during a counter-protest, Michael Hastings was convicted today of Reckless Endangering 1st Degree and Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony.

"Pointing a loaded gun at anyone is always dangerous, full stop," said Attorney General Jennings. "This was a heinous, reckless, and dangerous act that could have easily ended in tragedy. The defendant's actions seriously endangered his fellow citizens who were exercising their right to free speech, and he now faces the consequences. I'm especially grateful to our Division of Civil Rights & Public Trust, and specifically to Deputy Attorneys General Nicole Mozee and David Skoranski, for their work on this case. DCRPT has again demonstrated that it doesn't matter your personal politics — if you threaten harm to our fellow Delawareans, you will face prosecution."